

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus included in a communications terminal, comprising:

means for receiving a tactile sensation pattern signal from another communications terminal independent of any existing or attempted voice connection;

a control means, responsive to the tactile sensation pattern signal, for providing a control signal; and

~~a) — means (100) for producing a tactile sensation for a user of the apparatus in response to a the control signal; and~~

~~— b) a control means (106), responsive to a tactile sensation pattern signal, for providing the control signal;~~

wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal comprises respective instructions for producing each disturbance in a pattern of disturbances, each disturbance sensible as a tactile sensation, the pattern of disturbances suggesting by itself suggests associations or meanings independent of any existing or attempted voice connection and so conveys directly communicating to any user of the apparatus the associations or meanings independent of any existing or attempted voice connection.

~~information to the user of the apparatus exclusive of information indicating a call is waiting to be answered and also exclusive of information indicating the identity of a caller.~~

2. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the control means (106) is further responsive to an instructions signal for instructing how to interpret a tactile sensation pattern signal, and the apparatus further comprises means (140a) for providing the instructions on how to interpret a tactile sensation pattern signal.

3. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 2, further comprising means (140b 140c 140d 140e) for creating a tactile sensation pattern corresponding to the tactile sensation pattern signal and at least temporarily storing the tactile sensation pattern.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the means (140b 140c 140d 140e) for creating a tactile sensation pattern includes:

a) means (140b) for composing and editing a tactile sensation pattern;

b) a data store (140e) for storing a plurality of tactile sensation patterns; and

c) means (140d) for selecting a tactile sensation pattern from the data store.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the means (140b 140c 140d 140e) for creating a tactile sensation pattern includes:

a) means (140c) for downloading and editing a tactile sensation pattern;

b) a data store (140e) for storing a plurality of tactile sensation patterns; and

c) means (140d) for selecting a tactile sensation pattern from the data store.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the means (100) for producing a tactile sensation is selected from the group ~~consisting of~~ comprising: an eccentric electric motor, an intermittent source of air flow, an electric signal, a razor-type linear vibrator, a solenoid, a piezoelectric material, means for shaking a component of the apparatus, means for sliding back and

forth a component of the apparatus, means for opening and closing a flip of the apparatus, and means for moving a sliding component back and forth.

7. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the means for producing a tactile sensation is electrically coupled to the control means but is physically attached to the user of the apparatus.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~wireless~~ communication terminal including an apparatus as in claim 1.

9. (Currently amended) A communication system including a base station and also including a ~~wireless~~ communication terminal as in claim 8.

10. (Currently amended) A method for use by a ~~wireless~~ communication terminal, comprising:

a step of receiving a tactile sensation pattern signal from another communication terminal independent of any existing or attempted voice connection;

a control step, responsive to the tactile sensation pattern signal, for providing a control signal; and

a step of producing a tactile sensation in response to the control signal;

wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal comprises respective instructions for producing each disturbance in a pattern of disturbances, each disturbance sensible as a tactile sensation, the pattern of disturbances suggesting by itself associations or meanings independent of an existing or attempted voice connection and so directly communicating to any user of the apparatus the associations or meanings independent of any existing or attempted voice connection.

~~— a) a step (401), responsive to a tactile sensation pattern, of providing a control signal; and~~  
~~— b) a step (402), responsive to the control signal, of producing a tactile sensation sensible to a user of the mobile phone;~~  
~~— wherein the tactile sensation suggests associations or meanings and so conveys information to the user of the apparatus exclusive of information indicating a call is waiting to be answered and also exclusive of information indicating the identity of a caller.~~

11. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the step responsive to a tactile sensation is further responsive to instructions on how to interpret a tactile sensation pattern.

12. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is communicated independent of a voice telephone call.

13. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is communicated as at least part of a data message according to a short or multimedia message service.

14. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 13, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is a tactile icon communicated as at least part of a short message according to a short or multimedia message service.

15. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal communicates an associated meaning or communicates a logical meaning or communicates a rhythm or communicates an imitation of a vibratory force.

16. (Previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is communicated independent of a

voice telephone call.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is communicated as at least part of a data-message according to a short or multimedia message service.

Claim 18 is canceled.

~~18. (Previously presented) An apparatus as in claim 17, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal is a tactile icon communicated as at least part of a short message according to a short or multimedia message service.~~

Claim 19 is canceled.

~~19. (New) An apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal communicates an associated or logical meaning.~~

Claim 20 is canceled.

~~20. (New) An apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the tactile sensation pattern communicates a rhythm or communicates an imitation of a vibratory force.~~

21. (New) A method, comprising:

a step in which a communication terminal receives from a user an indication of a tactile sensation pattern in a store of tactile sensation patterns hosted by the communication terminal, wherein the tactile sensation pattern comprises a pattern of disturbances each representing a tactile sensation, the pattern of disturbances having an association or meaning the user would like to communicate to a user of another communication terminal;

a step in which the communication terminal receives from the user of the communication terminal an indication of the user of the other communication terminal or an indication of the other communication terminal; and

a step in which the communication terminal provides a tactile sensation pattern signal corresponding to the tactile sensation pattern and communicates the tactile sensation pattern signal to the other communication terminal independent of any existing or attempted voice connection to the other communication terminal;

wherein the tactile sensation pattern signal comprises respective instructions for producing each disturbance in the tactile sensation pattern of disturbances.

22. (New) A method as in claim 10, wherein the step of creating a tactile sensation pattern includes:

a step of downloading and editing a tactile sensation pattern to provide the tactile sensation pattern;

storing the tactile sensation pattern in a data store of tactile sensation patterns; and

selecting the tactile sensation pattern from the data store.